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SUBJ: W/W PAUL FLOYD KOUGH

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1. DOCTOR ADVISED EMB THAT KOUGH'S CONDITION WAS IMPROVED, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE HE COULD BE RELEASED. DOCTOR ALSO STATED THAT KOUGH MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL COMMERCIALY, BUT THAT HE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TRAINED MALE COMPANION. HE INDICATED THAT MOTHER AND AUNT'S PRESENCE WOULD NOT BE HARMFUL.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER BELIEVES THAT MOTHER'S PRESENCE WOULD BE HELPFUL. CONSOFF DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE DECISIONS WHICH WOULD OBLIGATE FAMILY TO CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE WITHOUT KNOWING THE EXACT WISHES OF THE NEXT OF KIN.

3. LOCAL PANAM OFFICE HAS BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING KOUGH. FINAL DECISION IS PENDING EXAMINATION BY AIR LINE DOCTOR AND REFERRAL TO NEW YORK OFFICE.

4. WHETHER OR NOT MRS KOUGH COMES TO TEHRAN, EMB WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. DOES FAMILY WISH TO HAVE KOUGH RETURNED TO US FOR TREATMENT?

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B. IF COMMERICAL AIRLINES CANNOT CARRY KOUGH, DOES FAMILY WANT MEDEVAC AND CAN THEY AFFORD TO PAY FOR IT? IF ANSWER IS POSITIVE, EMB WILLING INITIATE REQUEST. EMB DOES NOT FEEL IS APPROPRIATE TO INITIATE SUCH A REQUEST WITHOUT KNOWING THE EXPRESS WISHES OF THE FAMILY.

C. HAS THE FAMILY MADE ANY ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE KOUGH ADMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES?

D. IN THE EVENT KOUGH IS RETURNED BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER, WOULD THE FAMILY PREFER TO SELECT A DOCTOR IN THE UNITED STATES TO ACCOMPANY HIM, OR SHOULD THE EMB ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ONE IN TEHRAN. EITHER WAY, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY ROUND TRIP AIR FARE.

5. MRS KOUGH SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT MARCH 20-22 IS HEIGHT OF IRANIAN NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. DURING THIS PERIOD HOTEL AND AIRLINE RESERVATIONS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. IF MRS KOUGH AND AUNT COME, EMB WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THEM. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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